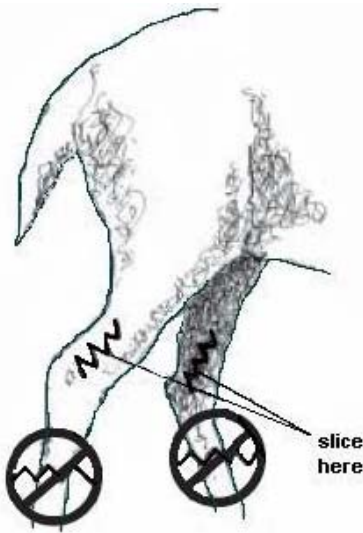
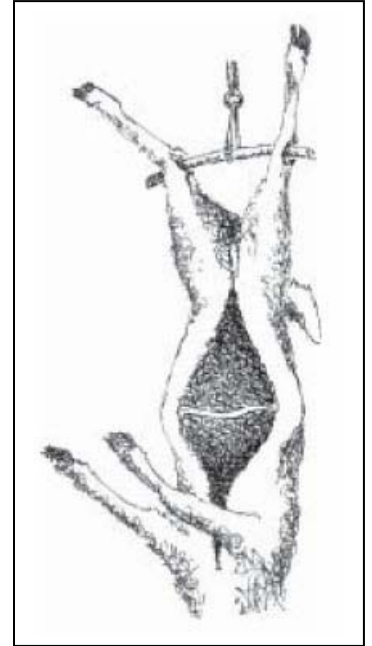


How to Hang a Deer by the Hind Legs

Due to the discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Wisconsin, thousands of deer heads are tested for the disease every year. In order to effectively monitor the disease, the Department conducts surveillance outside of the CWD zone. Each year, a different region outside of the infected area has registration stations collecting heads for sampling. We ask that hunters donate their deer heads to aid in the monitoring of CWD.

Hanging the deer from the hind legs is just as easy and efficient a way to process a deer as hanging the deer from the head.

We encourage you to use the hind leg hanging method so that the deer's head can be donated to surveillance efforts.

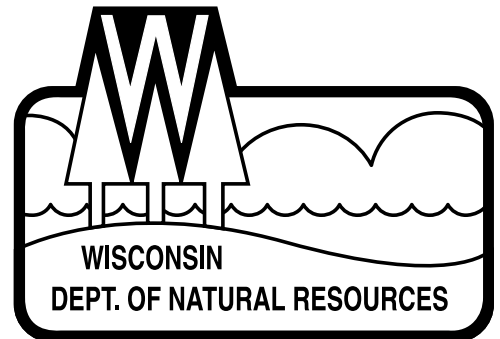


1. Cut a slit between the large, long tendon and bone of the hind legs. Be careful not to touch the musk gland for risk of tainting the meat with the musky smell. This gland is the tuft of long dark hair on the outside of each hind leg below the hock. Sawing the legs off is no longer recommended.
2. Insert an end of the gambrel into each of the slits. A "homemade" gambrel can easily be made from a sturdy wood or metal dowel. The gambrel should now be between the two hind legs.
3. Hoist the deer up using a pulley, rafter, tree branch, etc. so it is hanging head down.

Information on butchering deer can be found at dnr.wi.gov

*The practice of cutting through bone is no longer recommended. In addition, eating the viscera or internal organs of a deer is also not recommended.

2006 Deer Season Surveillance will be held in the West Central Region.



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